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For: NOVEL NEP2 MEMBRANE METALLOPROTEASE
AND ITS USE FOR SCREENING INHIBITORS
USEFUL IN THERAPY (AS AMENDED)

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Replace any previous version of the Abstract with the Substitute Abstract attached hereto in **Attachment A**.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace each paragraph indicated in **Attachment B** with the paragraph (marked up to show the changes from the original paragraph) as shown after the indication.